

# :: LATE DEVELOPMENTS IN THE LOCAL SPORT WORLD ::

## TWENTY-EIGHT TEAMS QUALIFY FOR THE TOURNEY

Fairmont, Fairview, Farmington and Rivesville Included.

## VERY CLEVER ATHLETICS

State High Association Rules Out Loudon of Morgantown.

Twenty-eight high school teams in the state have qualified for the basketball tourney, which will open next Friday at Wesleyan College at Buckhannon, this having been determined at a meeting of the committee from Wesleyan College and a committee of the West Virginia High School Athletic Association held in Clarksburg on Friday night.

Four Marion county teams will participate in the tourney — Fairmont, Fairview, Farmington and Rivesville high schools. Morgantown, Clarksburg and Grafton High schools will also get into the tourney.

At the meeting on Friday Loudon was disqualified from playing with Morgantown High because of the four-year playing rule. Loudon playing for the fifth season. This is designed to give a more wholesome atmosphere to athletics in the high schools of the state and they should become cleaner continually. This is the first year that an athletic committee passed on this matter and it should work out a great good in future developments of sports.

The conferees in Clarksburg were H. W. Shomaker and Myron Haynes, of Wesleyan College, and H. A. Stansberry, of West Virginia University, and the members of the committee of the West Virginia High School Athletic Association composed of P. E. King, principal of Grafton High school; G. H. Colebank, principal of Fairmont High school; and C. W. McKee, principal of the Charleston High school. They passed on the eligibility of the teams as to participation in the tourney.

The tourney will open on Friday morning at 9:30 o'clock and will close on Saturday evening.

The twenty-eight teams that have qualified for the tourney are as follows: Clendennin, Bristol, Weston, Thomas, Williamsport, Rivesville, Lumberton, Fairview, Bluefield, Piedmont, Welch, Wadestown, Moundsville, Tunnelton, Keyser, Wheeling, Clarksburg, Morgantown, Fairmont, Spencer, Richwood, Elkins, Buckhannon, Grafton, Jane Lew, Charleston, Hillsburg and Monongalia High school (New Martinsville).

Among the teams that loom forth as strong favorites are Buckhannon, Clarksburg, Morgantown, Grafton, Fairmont and Charleston. Buckhannon appears almost to be in a class by its own for this tourney the wise ones say.

## HIGH LOSES ROUGH GAME AT FAIRVIEW

Walloped By Fairview 31 to 24—Saturday Evening.

In a rough game at Fairview on Saturday night, Fairmont High lost to Fairview High by the score of 31 to 24. The game was rough throughout and the Fairmonters claim they did not get a decent deal.

The line up and summary follow: Fairview H. S., 31. Fairmont H. S., 24. Stewart ..... Knight Forward Snodgrass ..... Troxell Forward Smith ..... Hill Center Weaver ..... Brown Guard Ammons ..... Hamilton Guard

Foul goals—Fairview, Weaver 9 out of 15; Fairmont, Troxell, 1 out of 3; Hill 1 out of 7; Brown, 8 out of 14. Field goals—Fairview, Stewart, 4; Snodgrass, 1; Fairview, Knight, 1; Troxell, 5; Romino, 1. Fairmont—Romino for Troxell.

## Track Team on Next at the High

Track work at Fairmont High school will commence in earnest during the first week of April, it was announced today. Coach Kahn will be in charge of the work. The indications are that Fairmont will develop a right fair team.

One of the big track features this season will be the State high school's track meet to be held at Morgantown this spring under the direction of the West Virginia University.

Joe Greer, who attends the W. V. U. at Morgantown, spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Greer, in Quincy street.

## PLAY "BARNYARD" GOLF FOR FUN AND HEALTH, UNITED STATES CHAMPION TELLS YOU HOW.



FRED BRUST

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., March 10.—Horseshoes were always lucky for Fred M. Brust, Columbus, O.

They not only won for him the horseshoe pitching championship of the world, but also saved his life.

Six years ago when he made his first visit to Florida, Brust weighed only 90 pounds. He took to horseshoe pitching, and the exercise, combined with life in the open, made a new man of him. Brust gained 40 pounds and became an adept at "barnyard golf," as the horseshoe pitching game is becoming familiarly known.

Constant practice on courts both here and in the rear of No. 2 fire engine house in the heart of Columbus soon made an expert of Brust.

His performance during the tournament just held here was marvelous. His heaves toward the pegs were straight as dyes and he won 56 of his 57 games.

The only opponent to defeat Brust was Hugh E. Palmer, the 72-year-old Ohio state champion, from Akron.

Brust threw 367 ringers in the tournament, probably a new world's record.

At the request of the Newspaper Enterprise Association he wrote this article for The West Virginian.

"Start with light shoes. After learning to throw them accurately, pitch a heavier shoe, not over 2 1/4 pounds and watch the number of turns or revolutions it makes and then try to throw them so the opening curves to the peg.

"Never throw a shoe so that it revolves more than one and three-quarter times. This can be regulated by the grip on the shoe. The best pitchers have this grip.

"Six years ago at Daytona, Fla., I first got next to how to throw them with the opening to the peg. This was at a distance of 36 feet, peg to peg.

"In the national tournament in St. Petersburg, just ended, in which I won the title, the distance between pegs was 40 feet. I think this is an average distance, and pitched in most states.

"In Ohio we pitched 46 1/2 feet from peg to peg, but I consider this distance too great.

"In pitching, take a long easy swing and keep your eye on the peg until after the shoe leaves your hand, then watch the revolution and try to throw the next with more or less turn as required to make a ringer.

"Place the first joint of the forefinger near the end of the right hand fork of the shoe—if you are right handed—and the other fingers in a natural position under the shoe, holding the shoe tight and with the thumb flat on top. See that the calks face down wards.

"I throw my right foot forward when delivering the shoe, but notice that the majority of players put their left foot forward as boxers do. Some think it does not make much difference, but it does with me.

"Children and women may also learn to pitch horseshoes very easily. Start with distance of 15 feet and gradually work up to a longer distance. Children should start at ten feet to fifteen feet. They should also start with a light shoe.

"Most players in a match game try too hard and lose control of their muscles. Take it easy, and keep your nerve, and do not pay attention to the crowd.

"I claim to be able to throw a horseshoe with the eye, peg to the peg and make ringers from 10 to 50 feet. I have a record of 13 ringers in one game with the pegs 46 1/2 feet apart, and 62 ringers in six games of 21 points. Cancellation of ringers made this possible.

"At the 46-foot distance I recently pitched 9 consecutive ringers, four doubles and one single.

"I consider horseshoe pitching one of the most healthful forms of recreation.

"Samuel Clement of Philadelphia, father of the St. Petersburg club, the largest in the country with a membership of 350, recently told me he attributes his longevity to the pitching of quoits and horseshoes.

"He is past 70.

"Horseshoe clubs are springing up in all parts of the country. Most players have their shoes made to order, and a person not acquainted with the barnyard game would be surprised to learn of the different styles of shoes pitched.

"In the tournament just ended there were 15 different styles and types—but all conformed with the rules governing the tourney. Several concerns make a patented shoe for pitching.

"There are 76 private lockers in the Sunshine Horseshoe Pitching club here, and no two pairs of shoes are alike."

## FAIRMONT HIGH CLOSES SEASON

Won Ten Out of the Eighteen Games Played.

Closing what is considered as being a pretty fair playing year Fairmont High school won eleven out of twenty basketball games during the present season, which came to a close on Saturday night, winding up with a defeat at Fairview.

Victories were won from Shinnston, twice; Farmington, twice; Huntington, Salem, Coal District, Lumberton, Grafton and Fairview, and Fairmont returned soldiers. The games were lost to Parkersburg, twice; Buckhannon, twice; Clarksburg, twice; Grafton and Fairview and Bristol.

Outside of the game lost to Buck-

hannon high at Buckhannon, 58 to 12 there were no walkovers for opponents. Prof. E. J. Kahn, who played a forward position on the basketball team at Colgate for three seasons, came to Fairmont High on January 1 and assumed charge of the coaching in conjunction with teaching mathematics at the school. He has made good as a coach and whipped a pretty good team into shape.

Fairmont High actually played twenty games, but the contest with the returned soldiers was not sent to the officials at Wesleyan college, because it was more or less regarded as a practice game.

The team amassed 656 points to its opponents 478 for the season, the score of the Fairmont High-Fairmont Returned Soldiers game being included in this total.

The games resulted as follows during the playing season: Fairmont 10, Bristol High 28, at Fairmont; Fairmont 20, Returned Fairmont Soldiers 14, at Fairmont; Fairmont 48, Shinnston High 16, at Fairmont; Fairmont 20, Parkersburg High 30, at Fairmont; Fairmont 39, Salem High 12, at Salem; Fairmont 51, Farmington 9, at Farmington; Fairmont 14, Buckhannon High 27, at Fairmont; Fairmont 32, Shinnston High 22, at Shinnston; Fairmont 31, Huntington 25, at Fairmont; Fairmont 17, Grafton High 23, at Fairmont; Fairmont 17, Clarksburg 34, at Parkersburg; Fairmont 12, Lumberton 19, at Fairmont; Fairmont 12, Buckhannon High 58, at Buckhannon; Fairmont 20, Clarksburg High 29, at Clarksburg; Fairmont 91, Farmington High 13, at Fairmont; Fairmont 89, Coal District High 19, at Fairmont; Fairmont 30, Grafton 28, at Grafton; Fairmont 21, Clarksburg High 32, at Fairmont; Fairmont 36, Fairview 16, at Fairmont; Fairmont 31, Fairview 24, at Fairview.

The forward positions were held down by Forrest Knight, who played his first year on the varsity this year, having been a substitute on the team last year. Edmund Troxell, a Junior, was the other forward. Both played well and Troxell has developed into quite a field goal shooter. Pierre Hill spent his second year on the varsity team and showed up well. Clark Brown, a newcomer, broke into the games this season and by his peppery playing made a sure berth on the team. Toward the close of the season Herbert Hamilton clinched the guard position and he played some good guarding games for Fairmont High. The substitutes included Bernard Fleming at forward, who played a creditable game and Orville Wolfe who played a substitute guard, and Leonard Romino another substitute guard, both showing up good.

The prospects for a good team next seasons right fair, because but two regulars will be lost by graduation—

Knight and Hamilton. This will leave Brown, Hill and Troxell, and two substitutes, Fleming and Romino, all of whom are Juniors this year. Wolfe, a substitute, will be lost by graduation.

In keeping with the custom the athletic letters will be awarded at the closing chapel exercises which will be held at Fairmont High about June 1.

## BETHANY COLLEGE HERE WEDNESDAY

Closing Game Will Be Played Then By Local "Y"

Fairmont Y. M. C. A. will play its closing game of basketball on Wednesday evening at 8:30 o'clock when it meets Bethany college, of Bethany, W. Va., on the local Y. M. C. A. floor. Little is known of the Bethany college five other than it is said it is a very good organization. It has met a number of strong teams from Pittsburgh and vicinity as the institution is located near Wheeling and is in closer range to Pennsylvania cities. Among the teams it has met are Duquesne University, Wesleyan and Wheeling Y. M. C. A.

The locals have had a very good season and a good game is anticipated on Wednesday evening.

## HIGH READY FOR ANNUAL TOURNEY

Fairmont High school is ready for the basketball tourney to be held at Wesleyan college at Buckhannon beginning next Friday and closing on Saturday evening.

The Fairmont High men who will make the trip are: Guards Brown and Hamilton; center, Hill; forwards, Troxell and Knight—all regular men, and Romino and either Wolfe or Fleming. Each team is entitled to have seven men.

Playing in the tourney begins on Friday morning and teams will meet until the eliminating progress has ended, finals to be played on Saturday and on Saturday night the tourney will close.

The Fairmont High men will leave Fairmont either Thursday evening or Friday morning for Buckhannon to participate in the tourney.

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